GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – Proposal for diversion of 0.60 ha of forest land (0.40 ha in Compt.No. 2, 4 & 192 of Marrigura & Marrigura Extn-I RF, 0.08 ha in Compt.No. 188 of Kansulur Ext-I RF and 0.12 ha in Compt.No. 16, 18 & 19 of Lakkavaram & Kansuluru RFs) of Chintur Division for laying Optical Fibre Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forest area in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam – Final (Stage-II) approval accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SECTION.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.68 **Dated: 27.09.2022.**

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.15026/7/2019/FCA-1, dated:28-10-2019.
2. Guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28.03.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.12, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated.05.06.2020.
4. From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/7/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:28.03.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.60 ha of forest land (0.40 ha in Compt.No. 2, 4 & 192 of Marrigura & Marrigura Extn-I RF, 0.08 ha in Compt.No. 188 of Kansulur Ext-I RF and 0.12 ha in Compt.No. 16, 18 & 19 of Lakkavaram & Kansuluru RFs) of Chintur Division for laying Optical Fibre Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forest area in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, vide letter in the 2nd read above under general approval category.

2. In the G.O.3rd read above, orders were issued in-principle/Stage-I approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.60 Ha. (0.40 Ha in Compartment No.2,4, & 192 of Marrigura Extn.I RF, 0.08 Ha in Compartment No.180 of Kansulur Exn.I RF and 0.12 Ha. in Compartment No.16,18 & 19 of Lakkavaram & Kansulur RFs) of forest land of Chintur Division for laying optical fiber cable along the road within the existing Right of Way (RoW) passing through the forest land in favour of M/s. Relaince Jio Infocom Ltd., Visakhapatnam, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished the compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and requested to accorded Final (Stage-II) approval for the proposal.

4. After careful examination of the compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and keeping in view of the guidelines issued in the reference 2nd read above, the Government hereby accord Final (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.60 ha of forest land (0.40 ha in Compt.No. 2, 4 & 192 of Marrigura & Marrigura Extn-I RF, 0.08 ha in Compt.No. 188 of Kansulur Ext-I RF and 0.12 ha in Compt.No. 16, 18 & 19 of Lakkavaram & Kansuluru RFs) of Chintur Division for laying Optical Fibre Cable along the road within the existing RoW passing through forest area in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii) No trees shall be felled in the diverted forest area;

iii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the User Agency;

iv) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;

v) The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the OFC line. The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 7,734 mtrs length and 0.78 mtrs (averge)width;

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vi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;

vii) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;

viii) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the State Government;

ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the State Government;

x) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be responbility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;

xi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.60 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xii) The User Agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xiii) Any other conditions that the State Forest Department may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

xiv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

xv) The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Forest Department by the end of March every year.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
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SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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The P.S.to Hon'ble M(E, FES&T, M&G)
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